

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Currently Amended) An integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly for a sash window assembly, the sash window assembly having a sash window slidable within a master frame, the sash window having a sash rail, the tilt latch/sash lock assembly comprising:

a rotor adapted to be supported by the sash rail;

a tilt latch mechanism operably connected to the ~~sash lock mechanism~~ rotor and adapted to be supported by the sash rail, the tilt latch mechanism having a latch bolt adapted to engage the master frame;

an actuator operably connected to the rotor, the actuator having a locked position wherein ~~the locking end of~~ the rotor is adapted to engage the master frame, the actuator being moveable to an unlocked position wherein the rotor is adapted to be disengaged from the master frame, and being further moveable to a tiltable position wherein ~~the connector retracts~~ the latch bolt is retracted and is adapted to be disengaged from the master frame; and

an escutcheon adapted to be mounted to the sash rail, the escutcheon having an indicia to indicate to a user that the ~~handle~~ actuator is in one of the locked position, unlocked position and tiltable position.

12. (Currently Amended) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 11 wherein the escutcheon has a second indicia to indicate to a user that the ~~handle~~ actuator is one of the locked position, unlocked position and tiltable position that is not indicated by the first indicia.

13. (Currently Amended) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 12 wherein the escutcheon has a second indicia to indicate to a user that the ~~handle~~ actuator is the one of the locked position, unlocked position and tiltable position not indicated by either the first indicia or second indicia.

14. (Original) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 11 wherein the escutcheon has a locating boss depending therefrom adapted to properly orient the escutcheon on the sash rail.

15. (Original) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 11 wherein the escutcheon has a central opening and the actuator passes through the central opening.

16. (Currently Amended) An integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly for a sash window assembly, the sash window assembly having a sash window slidable within a master frame, the sash window having a sash rail, the tilt latch/sash lock assembly comprising:

a rotor adapted to be supported within a first location of the sash rail;

a tilt latch mechanism operably connected to the ~~sash lock mechanism~~ rotor and adapted to be supported within a second location of the sash rail, the tilt latch mechanism having a latch bolt adapted to engage the master frame;

an actuator having a stem operably connected to the rotor and a handle, the handle having a locked position wherein ~~the locking end of~~ the rotor is adapted to engage the master frame, the ~~actuator~~ handle being moveable to an unlocked position wherein the rotor is disengaged from the master frame, and being further moveable to a tiltable position wherein ~~the connector retracts~~ the latch bolt is retracted and adapted to be disengaged from the master frame, the handle further having a first indicia; and

an escutcheon adapted to be mounted to the sash rail, the escutcheon having a base indicia wherein the first indicia and the base indicia cooperate to indicate to a user that the handle is in one of the locked position, the unlocked position and the tiltable position.

17. (Original) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 16 wherein the handle has a second indicia and the second indicia and base indicia cooperate to indicate to a user that the handle is in one of the locked position, unlocked position and tiltable position that is not indicated by the cooperation of the first indicia with the base indicia

18. (Original) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 17 wherein the handle has a third indicia and the third indicia and the base indicia cooperate to indicate the handle is in one of the locked position, the unlocked position and the tiltable position not indicated by cooperation of the base indicia with either of the first indicia or the second indicia.

19. (New) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 1 further comprising:
a connector operably connecting the rotor to the tilt latch mechanism, wherein movement of the handle to the tiltable position causes the connector to retract the latch bolt.

20. (New) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 16 further comprising:
a connector operably connecting the rotor to the tilt latch mechanism, wherein movement of the handle to the tiltable position causes the connector to retract the latch bolt.

21. (New) An integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly for a sash window assembly, the sash window assembly having a sash window slidable within a master frame between an first position and a second position, the sash window having a sash rail, the tilt latch/sash lock assembly comprising:

a rotor adapted to be supported by the sash rail;

a keeper adapted to be attached to the sash window assembly, the keeper having a beveled surface thereon;

a tilt latch mechanism operably connected to the rotor and adapted to be supported by the sash rail, the tilt latch mechanism having a latch bolt adapted to engage the master frame;

an actuator operably connected to the rotor, the actuator having a locked position wherein the locking end of the rotor engages the keeper when the sash window is in the second position, the actuator being moveable to an unlocked position wherein the rotor is disengaged from the keeper, and being further moveable to a tiltable position wherein the latch bolt is retracted and is adapted to be disengaged from the master frame,

wherein when the window is moved from the first position to the second position when the actuator is in the locked position, the beveled surface engages the rotor and forces the rotor to rotate into the housing, causing the actuator to move toward the unlocked position.

22. (New) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 21 further comprising:

a sash lock housing supported by the sash rail, wherein the rotor is positioned within the sash lock housing,

wherein when the actuator is in the locked position, a locking end of the rotor extends out of the housing to engage the keeper, and when the actuator is in the unlocked position, the locking end is positioned within the housing, and

wherein the beveled surface engages the locking end of the rotor to force the locking end into the housing.

23. (New) The integrated tilt latch/sash lock assembly of claim 21 wherein the keeper has keeper body and an extension extending upward from the keeper body,

wherein the rotor engages the keeper body when the window is in the second position and the actuator is in the locked position, and

wherein the beveled surface is located on the upper extension.

24. (New) A sash lock assembly for a sash window assembly, the sash window assembly having a sash window slidable within a master frame between an first position and a second position, the sash window having a sash rail, the sash lock assembly comprising:

a rotor adapted to be supported by the sash rail;

a keeper adapted to be attached to the sash window assembly, the keeper having a beveled surface thereon;

an actuator operably connected to the rotor, the actuator having a locked position wherein the locking end of the rotor engages the keeper when the sash window is in the second position, the actuator being moveable to an unlocked position wherein the rotor is disengaged from the keeper,

wherein when the window is moved from the first position to the second position when the actuator is in the locked position, the beveled surface engages the rotor and forces the rotor to rotate away from the keeper, causing the actuator to move toward the unlocked position.

25. (New) The sash lock assembly of claim 24 further comprising:

a sash lock housing supported by the sash rail, wherein the rotor is positioned within the sash lock housing,

wherein when the actuator is in the locked position, a locking end of the rotor extends out of the housing to engage the keeper, and when the actuator is in the unlocked position, the locking end is positioned within the housing, and

wherein the beveled surface engages the locking end of the rotor to force the locking end into the housing.

26. (New) The sash lock assembly of claim 24 wherein the keeper has keeper body and an extension extending upward from the keeper body,

wherein the rotor engages the keeper body when the window is in the second position and the actuator is in the locked position, and

wherein the beveled surface is located on the upper extension.